

Expansion plans pan out at the Mishicot Pizzeria

Step foot into Larsioni's, Mishicot Pizzeria, Rib and Spaghetti House at 312 North Rockway in downtown Mishicot and you will be greeted by the owners, Mark and Kathie Larson. I stopped there recently and would like to share some history with you.

The original building housing the pizzeria (that portion containing the bar) has an intriguing history. Constructed as a livery stable in the late 1800s, it served this function for many years. With the emergence of the auto age, the livery business became unprofitable and the building was used as a storage shed.

The passing years were witness to many events including Mishicot's infamous axe murder, occurring within a few feet of this building, and a survivor of the great fire that destroyed much of main street.

In approximately 1930, Frank Riha converted a portion of the ground floor to a crude but functional saloon while retaining the loft, complete with hay, as a backdrop. Over the years, a number of proprietors operated the saloon, the longest of which was 37 years by Carl and Irene Johnson, who sold the business to the present owners in 1983.

On April 14, 1989 the business began as The Mishicot Pizzeria. The 1,500 square foot addition to the north was opened on July 30, 1993 and is a very nice improvement to the area.

This enlarged facility gives visitors and residents alike the opportunity to enjoy excellent food along with congeniality. On the back of their menu, the last paragraph reads, "Above all, may The Good Lord take a liking to you and make you come back quick!"

Lyle Anderson of Andercraft Builders in Mishicot, Wausau Homes builder for Manitowoc County and surrounding areas, recently attended a corporate marketing conference in Steven Point.

Andercraft Builders received the company's prestigious American Eagle award for outstanding performance and sales achievement from Marvin C. Schuette, president and chair-



Mark and Kathie Larson greet visitors in the new area of their business in Mishicot.

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man of the board of Wausau Homes.

The purpose of the annual conference is to focus on builder training, marketing trends, introduction to new models and recognition of outstanding builders from the last year. A number of the new homes built in Mishicot last year were the work of Andercraft Builders.

On Sunday, March 13, the Zion United Methodist Church will sponsor a chili dinner at 421 Jackson St. in Mishicot. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu includes chili, tamales, dessert and beverage. Sounds like a good idea.

Family Sock Hop is coming up at Camp Tapawingo on Friday, March 18. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with an emcee spinning records from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$1. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed

and the best dancer. The event is sponsored by Manitowoc County 4-H Family, Home, Health, Art and Communication Committee. Dance away the winter blues.

Are you interested in painting? Classes in "Method Painting in Oils" will be offered March 13-15 at the Victorian Blue Bed and Breakfast, 314 Jackson St., Mishicot. For reservations call 755-4072. The instructor will be Barbara Smith, Fergus Falls, Minn., a noted art instructor who has been to this area a number of times.

From the O.H. Schultz Elementary School comes word that the magazine sale was a great success with more than \$4,000 to be used to improve the fifth/sixth grade playground. Sally Thomsen, Barb Morris and Laurie Paider did the book work for the sale and a special thanks goes out to them.

A Winter Olympics Day was held at Schultz Elementary on Feb. 11. All students in grades K-6 participated in events such as tug-of-war, snow passing, snow tossing, relay races and trivia games.

If you have any news to share, phone 755-2148 or drop a note to me at 2410 Benzinger Road, Mishicot, Wis. 54228.